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To THE EDITORS:

A good laugh is rare these days and I am indebted to *Harper's* and to Hughes Rudd for his wonderful article, "My Escape from the CIA" [October]. There was, however, a false note, a very false note, in his hilarious yarn. Where, pray, did he find a college professor who actually had \$500 to lend? . . . My husband was a college professor until recently and the shabby gentility common among the teaching fraternity is pitiful to behold. Most of us would have to sell our poor old grandmothers down the river to raise a sum such as Mr. Rudd mentions, although I don't suppose they are paying that much for grandmothers these days.

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